

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/553,143  
Attorney Docket No: 133630-0003  
Applicant: Doris Hjorth Hansen  
Invention: SUTURE BAND  
Serial No: 10/553,143  
Filed: October 14, 2005  
Examiner: Jay R. Sigler

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Sir:

Please refund the fee of \$270.00 paid by the Applicant in conjunction with a Petition to Revive an Unavoidably Abandoned Application filed on November 20, 2008 (Attachment 1). The present Application was abandoned since the USPTO did not mail the Office Communication dated December 12, 2007 and referred to in the Notice of Abandonment dated June 30, 2008 (Attachment 2).

The Applicant checked private pair and did not see any entry corresponding to the December 12, 2007 Office Communication (Attachment 3). The Applicant then checked public pair, and discovered an entry for the Office Communication in the Transaction History but not in the Image Wrapper.

The Applicant contacted the Examiner on November 17, 2008, and the Examiner indicated that he had prepared an Office Communication on December 12, 2007, but did not have a record of it being communicated to the Applicant. The Examiner investigated, and determined that the Office communication had not been transmitted by the mail room. As a result of our

inquiry, the Office Communication was mailed on November 20, 2008, and PAIR was updated accordingly.

Thus, in light of this error by the USPTO, the Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the associated fee to revive the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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